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Mott Community Center Neighborhood College Sponsored by the Department of Systems Management for Human Services

The Mott Community Center Neighborhood College will be held on Thursdays evenings, April 13th – May 18th, 2006 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Mott Community Center, 12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. The Neighborhood College is a six week community leadership program that is offered FREE to county residents for the purpose of learning the keys to building a strong community. Participants will experience through a combination of lectures and group discussions how local county government works, the history and characteristics of your particular community, the resources that are in your community, how to influence the decision-making process, how to build community partnerships and how to work effectively in your diverse community. For more information or to register, please call Paulette Whiteside at 703-324-5285.


Upcoming Plantings in the Sully District

This spring a number of planting activities will be taking place as part of the countywide stream buffer restoration program:

1. Pleasant Hill (Sunday, April 16: approximately 100 plants buffering 650 linear feet)
2. Rocky Run stream valley park near Awbrey Patent (Saturday, April 29: approximately 120 plants buffering 200 linear feet)
3. Flatlick Run stream valley park near Hamlin (Saturday, May 20: approximately 200 plants buffering 600 linear feet)

All sites are on Park Authority land. The plantings are being done by

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Earth Sangha, a non-profit group. If you are interested in learning more about these activities or becoming a volunteer, please contact the Fairfax County Department of Stormwater Management at 703-324-5500.

Take Charge! Program

A tremendous problem for youth today is the use of tobacco. The Department of Community and Recreation Services continues to educate Fairfax County youth through its "Take Charge! Be Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Free" program. The Take Charge! program is a top-rated tobacco prevention program for youth targeted to young people in grades 6 through 12. Enhancing these skills and preventing risky behaviors have been found to have an overall positive impact on academic ability and success. The Take Charge! program is a four-week program held in teen centers, community centers, school programs, treatment centers, faith-based organizations and other community groups. If your group or organization would like to have CRS offer the program at your facility, please call Janet Young at 703-324-5213, TTY 703-222-9693. Information also is available on the CRS Web page, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/>. CRS provides the materials and the instructor at no cost to the group or organization.

Annual Spring RecQuest Program for School-age Children

The Department of Community and Recreation Services will be hosting its annual Spring RecQuest from April 10 through 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This coincides with the Fairfax County Public Schools' weeklong spring break. RecQuest is a structured recreation program for children in grades 1 through 6. Arts and crafts, cooperative games, socializers, community service projects, field trips and much more are included in this camp. Participants must bring a bag lunch daily and wear comfortable clothing. Snacks will be provided. The cost is \$70 for the entire week (sliding fee available). Registration is at the centers, but questions can be answered by calling 703-324-5555, TTY 703-222-9693. Be sure to ask about the summer RecQuest Program, too.



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